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COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM

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Date Received: Nov. 17, 2021 Case Number: 22-51

A. THIS COMPLAINT IS FILED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING:

Name of Veterinarian/CVT: Melanie Rettler
Premise Name: PetPro PLLC (?) Couldn't find an address
Premise Address: ? 20134 E. Ryan Rd
City: Queen Creek State: AZ Zip Code: 85142
Telephone: Couldn't find telephone number

B. INFORMATION REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL FILING COMPLAINT*:

Name: Debra Leef
Ad[redacted]
[redacted] Zip Code [redacted]
Home Tele[redacted] Cell Telep[redacted]

STATE LAW REQUIRES WE HAVE TO DISCLOSE YOUR NAME UNLESS WE CAN SHOW THAT DISCLOSURE WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO YOU, SOMEONE ELSE OR THE PUBLIC PER A.R.S. § 41-1010. IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIAL HARM WILL RESULT IN DISCLOSURE OF YOUR NAME PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF RESTRAINING ORDERS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION.

In regard to Ms Rettler's address to the Chandler School Board Meeting Oct 27, 2021. She is NOT a Chandler parent.

F. ALLEGATIONS and/or CONCERNS: **Please provide all information that you feel is relevant to the complaint. This portion must be either typewritten or clearly printed in ink.**

Ms. Rettler claims to be a veterinarian, a former school teacher, a cloning expert with 35 years experience, consultant to the CDC and an owner of a pharmacy. Quite an impressive list, if true, for someone who is 58 years of age. She stated "This covid vaccine is a deadly poison. Everybody that takes it is damaging their immune system.... I'm an expert on it and I'm telling you that's what it's doing." If she is truly that much against the covid vaccine, can you be sure she's following state laws and vaccinating her "patient's" against rabies, distempter, FELV, etc

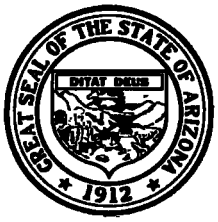
Then she goes on with her rant which eventually is anti-semetic in a circular manner.

Do you really believe that a woman who is so unhinged and full of hatred, paranoia and delusions of grandeur is fit to practice veterinary medicine? I certainly do not.

I wouldn't take my furbaby's to Melanie Rettler if she were the last veterinarian on the planet!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
- GOVERNOR -



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INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REPORT

TO: Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board

FROM: Investigative Division

RE: Case: 22-51
Complainant(s): Debra Leef
Respondent(s): Melanie Rettler, DVM (License: 2059)

SUMMARY:
Complaint Received at Board Office: 11/17/21
Board Discussion: 2/16/22

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES:
Laws as Amended August 2018 (Lime Green); Rules as Revised September 2013 (Yellow).

Complainant expressed concerns with Respondent's anti-Semitic comments made at a Chandler School Board meeting that was held on October 27, 2021.

PROPOSED 'FINDINGS of FACT':

1. On October 27, 2021, Respondent attended a Chandler School Board meeting where she made anti-Semitic remarks. Please see news articles provided by a second complainant.

2. On November 22, 2021, Respondent was sent a copy of the complaint along with a cover letter requesting a response be sent to the Board office within 15 days from the date of the letter.

3. On December 7, 2021, Respondent contacted the Board office and requested an extension to respond to the complaint. An extension was granted until December 17, 2021.

4. No response was received as required by AAC R3-11-901 (B) which states in part...*The licensee or certificate holder shall provide a written response and all relevant records or documents concerning the complaint if requested by the Board, no later than 15 days from the date of the notice....*

5. On January 12, 2022, Board staff called Respondent and left a message on her voicemail requesting a response to the complaint. Respondent did not return the call.

6. On January 31, 2022, a Board meeting notice was sent to Respondent advising her that the Board would be reviewing the matter at the February 16, 2022 Board meeting.

The information contained in this report was obtained from the case file, which includes the complaint, the respondent's response, any consulting veterinarian or witness input, and any other sources used to gather information for the investigation.

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Tracy A. Riendeau, CVT
Investigative Division